

## **TOWN OF TISBURY**

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### **THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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#### **MEETING MINUTES – April 26, 2022 – 4:00 PM**

The Tisbury Board of Health (BOH) held a meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 4:00 PM. Due to ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the meeting was held virtually via Zoom, ID 979 5282 0426, Passcode 497704, phone 646-876-9923.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Dr. Michael Loberg, Vice Chairman Jeff Pratt, and Malcolm Boyd, Clerk. Ms. Maura Valley, Health Agent and Valerie Soushek, Administrative Secretary, were also in attendance.

Ms. Catie Blake, Assistant Health Agent, was absent.

Chairman Loberg called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

The meeting minutes for March 22 and April 12, 2022, were approved as written by Commissioners Pratt and Boyd. Chairman Loberg briefly lost connectivity.

Vice Chairman Pratt took over as moderator of the meeting in Chairman Loberg's absence.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

4:15 PM - Bob Barry – 105 Sandpiper Lane / 27-A-53.1 – bathroom in basement

Mr. Barry came back before the BOH to propose a revised plan showing a half bath and a wider hallway between the rooms at the maximum available at 5'8" due to an existing chimney. Additionally, he clarified that the homeowners' association would never allow more than four bedrooms on the property.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve Mr. Barry's revised plan with a deed restriction.

## HEALTH AGENT REPORT

- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Chairman Loberg rejoined the meeting.

Commissioner Boyd did not have any new information from Mr. Adam Turner, Martha's Vineyard Commission, to share.

- SAPHE Grant update

Ms. Valley introduced Ms. Selena Guimaraes, the new health inspector for the shared services grant. She has been in certification training and working with other island towns. Ms. Valley asked the commissioners to appoint Ms. Guimaraes as an agent of the Tisbury Board of Health so she could begin partnering with Ms. Blake, of which Commissioners Pratt and Boyd voted in favor.

Other staff from the grant include a biologist (Patrick) and a community health specialist (Alexis). They will be introduced at a future BOH meeting. Patrick will be assuming the tick program from Mr. Dick Johnson due to his retirement. Patrick and Alexis will be partnering to reinvigorate and update the Martha's Vineyard BOH website. Alexis is working on a project regarding racism as a public health issue, and with Island HealthCare on their community needs assessment.

- May meeting schedule

The regularly scheduled meeting days fall on May 10th and 24th. Given that Tisbury's election day falls on the latter, the commissioners agreed that one meeting would be held in May, on the 10th. If another meeting is needed after that, it will be decided on the 10th.

- Owen Little Way & West Spring Street outfall updates

Ms. Valley presented a spreadsheet showing the status of all septic systems located in these areas based on the drainage map provided by Tisbury wastewater.

Inspections will be ordered for older and marginally functioning systems.

Chairman Loberg agreed to speak with Mr. and Mrs. Hambrecht, who have been ordered to upgrade their failed septic system in the West Spring Street outfall district. It is believed that the property owners will comply with the order upon speaking with the Chairman.

Mike of Tisbury Wastewater will test the outfall drainage for fecal matter after the next measurable rainfall. Such testing will narrow down the testing areas for further sampling and preparation by the Wampanoag Lab in Aquinnah and, ultimately, more specific/DNA testing for the human fecal matter at the New Hampshire Lab. The results of the testing will determine further action by the BOH office.

Additional items--

The vaccination bus will be back to the island on Sunday, May 1st, 9AM – 5 PM, in the high school cafeteria. Appointments will be required.

Ms. Valley and Mr. Matt Poole, Edgartown BOH Agent, will be meeting with the county commissioners regarding funding for wastewater projects on Monday, May 2nd, in the afternoon.

**DWAs (DISPOSAL WORKS APPLICATIONS) FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

4371 - Jeffrey R. Thompson – 40 Bridle Path Rd. / 44-A-1.2 – Approved

The property owners are proposing an expansion from three to four bedrooms with a NitROE tank retrofit. They are located on three acres in the Lagoon Pond Watershed.

**BILLS AND PERMITS FOR APPROVAL**

With no further business to conduct, the commissioners adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Valerie Soushek  
Administrative Secretary

Document(s)

The Board of Health commissioners accept the meeting minutes, dated April 26, 2022, as presented.

Date: 5/27/2022

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